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1. AS YOU KNOW, THE SINAI SUPPORT MISSION EXPECTS TO AWARD AND SIGN THE PRIME CONTRACT FOR THE SINAI EARLY WARNING SYSTEM BY JANUARY 16. AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE WE ANTICIPATE A COMBINED CONTRACTOR/USG ADVANCE PARTY WILL TRAVEL TO THE SINAI TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR A CREDIBLE PRESENCE IN THE PASSES BY FEBRUARY 22. THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF ARRANGEMENTS THAT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THIS ADVANCE PARTY. WE ARE THEREFORE SENDING A SPECIAL TEAM TO THE AREA TO WORK THROUGH BOTH EMBASSIES TO SMOOTH THE ENTRANCE OF THE ADVANCE PARTY.

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2. THE TEAM, CONSISTING OF FSR-4 A.L. CHRISTIAN AND

FSR-5 JOSEPH GETTIER, WILL ARRIVE TEL AVIV ON TWA FLIGHT 800 ON JANUARY 10, 1605 HOURS TO COORDINATE THE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADVANCE PARTY OF THE SFM WHICH SHOULD ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 19. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN AND GETTIER FOR JANUARY 10 AND 11. SINAI HOTEL PREFERRED. CHRISTIAN WILL

DEPART TEL AVIV MORNING OF JANUARY 14 FOR CAIRO. REQUEST EMBASSY CAIRO ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN FOR JANUARY 14, 15, 16.

3. CHRISTIAN AND GETTIER WILL ARRANGE FOR TRANSPORTATION, QUARTERS AND MESSING FACILITIES FOR THE ENTIRE ADVANCE PARTY CONSISTING OF AN ADDITIONAL 6 USG AND 12 CONTRACT PERSONNEL. ACCOMMODATIONS COULD BE IN ISRAEL OR IN EGYPT, DEPENDING UPON AVAILABILITY OF SUPPORT, TO FACILITATE MAXIMUM PRODUCTIVITY BY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL IN CONSTRUCTING THE BASE CAMP.

4. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSIES CAN OBTAIN PRIOR TO ARRIVAL THIS TEAM WILL BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTIAN AND GETTIER WILL COORDINATE WITH RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES THREE ALTERNATIVES FOR ESSENTIAL SFM SUPPORT.

A) FOR EMBASSY TEL AVIV: PLEASE EXPLORE WITH GOI POSSIBILITY OF AVAILABILITY OF QUARTERS AND MESSING FOR 18 USG AND CONTRACT PERSONNEL AT RAFIDIM AIR BASE, OR IN OTHER LOCATION ACCEPTABLE TO IDF, AND CONVENIENT TO THE SFM BASE CAMP SITE. THIS WOULD BE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 20 THROUGH JANUARY 29 WHILE THE SUPPORT BASE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED BY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

B) FOR EMBASSY CAIRO: PLEASE EXPLORE WITH GOE WHETHER QUARTERS AND MESSING COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT 2ND EGYPTIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS AT ISMAILIA IF REQUIRED FOR THE 18 USG AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL DURING THE SAME PERIOD. IF THERE ARE TOO MANY PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ALTERNATIVES A) AND B) PLEASE CONTACT CG UNEF AS TO WHETHER QUARTERS AND MESSING FOR GROUP OF 18 MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE AT RABAH.

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5. REGRET SHORT NOTICE. CHRISTIAN AND GETTIER WILL DISCUSS WITH RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES IN MORE DETAIL FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL. INGERSOLL

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